

## We challenge the world

With our \$6.50, \$8, \$10 and \$12 Suits for men. Of course there are other good clothing in town, but we haven't a "stitch" of the bad sort—the "cheap" stuffs. We're after your trade with a vengeance. We wouldn't expect to get it unless we get your confidence. We couldn't gain that by selling you poorly wearing clothing.

Pay for what you buy in weekly or monthly installments—make your own terms. It's better than the cash way because it's easier for you.

### Suits worth \$10—

All-wool—light and dark Cheviot and Cassimere Suits—cut in 3-tuition cutaway sack style—neat, handsome patterns, finely finished—for—**\$6.50**

### Suits worth \$15—

Fine Blue and Black Worsteds, very fine Cassimere and Fancy Worsteds, fine, unfadeable Blue and Black Serges and Over-plaid Cheviot Suits—cut in frock and sack styles—and in sizes to fit any size man—**\$10**

### Suits worth \$12.50—

All-wool Cassimere, Black Cheviots, fine homespun suits—single or double-breasted styles—elegantly made up garments—and carefully finished, for—**\$8**

### Suits worth \$18—

Fine Imported Worsteds and English Cheviot Suits—handsome effects—custom-made by the best of tailors—hand-worked silk buttonholes—Italian cloth lining—sack or cutaway styles—and guaranteed—**\$12**

**Hecht and Company,**  
515 Seventh Street.

## OPPOSE THE SCALE

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tried here once, and I doubt if a single subscriber was ever satisfied with his bill as rendered. The plan is not satisfactory. If the company insists upon \$100 or \$200 a month, let it stand on that rate, but the proposition to charge a differential rate for the same service based upon an unworkable method is not at all advisable.

Col. E. G. Davis, collector of taxes, said: "I have not sufficient information at hand to warrant me in giving an opinion, but it seems to me that the reduction should be made direct and general, without conditions."

MAJOR POWELL'S VIEW.  
Commissioner Powell said: "If the company proposes to reduce its rates as it should do, I think it ought to reduce the cost, but not to a sliding scale."

George W. Moss, superintendent Adams Express Company, said: "You can say for us that we could not stand the rates that are being contemplated. It would be cheaper for us to establish a telegraph service. The argument seems to be that customers using the telephone should make up the deficit. As a matter of fact, the wires are mainly employed by our patrons. Supporting their charge 7 cents for each additional call, and for each additional wire. Mr. Elphinstone Young, grocer, Ninth street, said: "We have not received any notice of this new rate. I suppose they are going to give it on as they did the last time they raised the rates."

"It will have the effect of making every business man strive harder to incorporate other companies. As for Mr. Ryan's argument that 45 per cent of the calls are made by outsiders that is absurd. There is not 1 per cent beyond the legitimate business."

Mr. E. P. Metz, the druggist, said: "You know, drug stores all pay \$125 a year, in excess of the rates charged other merchants. I never did and never will make a charge for finding a message. The telephone is free for the account of our customers, and it would not be polite for me to charge one of them for the use of it every time the phone was used."

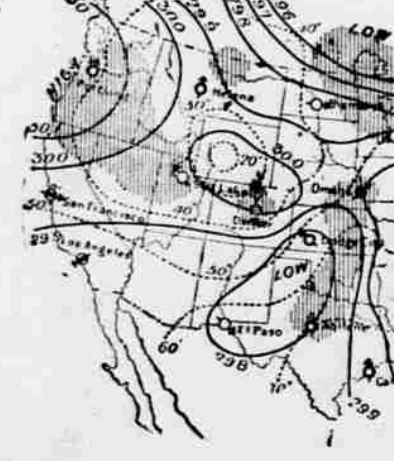
"I have received no notice of the change in rates, and while at present the scale appears exorbitant, I would rather investigate before giving any decided opinion."

**NATIONAL PARK.**  
Departmental B. B. League.

Game Tomorrow, 4:45 p. m.  
District Commissioners vs. Fort Flyer.

Admission—13 and 2c.

**THE TIMES DAILY WEATHER MAP.**  
(Prepared at the United States Weather Bureau.)



**Forecast Till 8 p. m. Saturday.**  
For the District of Columbia, Delaware and Maryland, fair tonight and Saturday; slightly cooler tonight, warmer Saturday; northerly winds, becoming southerly.

For Virginia and North Carolina, fair tonight and Saturday; northerly winds, becoming variable.

**Weather Conditions and General Forecast.**  
An area of high pressure has developed over the Ohio valley and the east Gulf States. The pressure is relatively low in New England, the lake region, and the Rocky mountain slope, but with no well-defined storm-center. The pressure is also high on the north Pacific coast and northern Rocky mountain plateau. The barometer has risen rapidly throughout the central valleys and the lake regions, and it has fallen in New England and generally in the Rocky mountain districts.

The weather is slightly warmer this morning in New England and the Atlantic States, with rising temperature tonight. Rocky mountain slope, it is cooler in the lake regions and throughout the Ohio valley.

Showers and thunder storms have occurred generally in the north Atlantic states, the lake regions, the Ohio and upper Mississippi valleys, also near the Gulf coast.

Challenging weather, with showers and thunder storms, are indicated for New England, the lake region, and the Ohio valley.

**Schedule for Street Lighting.**  
Gas lamps lighted at 8:31 p. m.; extinguished at 8:32 p. m.  
Naphtha lamps lighted at 8:31 p. m.; extinguished at 8:32 p. m.  
Incandescent and electric lamps lighted at 8:16 p. m.; extinguished at 8:37 a. m.

## THEY WORK FOR CHARITY

Kings Sons and Daughters Hold Their First Convention.

Interesting Report of the Relief Furnished Desolate People During the Year—Delegates Present.

The first annual convention of the District of Columbia Branch of Kings' Daughters and Sons was held at the Washington Temple Memorial Church, Fourth and D streets, last evening.

The report of the executive committee, which is composed of daughters, two mixed—the Unity Circle of Goulton Temple Memorial Church and the Unity Circle of Goulton Temple Memorial Church, Fourth and D streets.

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## SPANISH INTERESTS PROTEST

Objects to United States' Attitude Regarding Cuba.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO DE LOPE

Weyler Orders Farmers to Bring All Corn and Grain Stored on Their Farms to Towns in Their Vicinity Within Twenty Days—Gomez Has Ordered Rebels to Concentrate.

Madrid, May 15.—At a cabinet council held yesterday, the Duke of Tetan, minister of foreign affairs, was authorized to draft a formal remonstrance against the attitude of the United States in regard to Cuba, which will be presented to the government at Washington, and it is probable that Senor Dupuy de Lome, Spanish minister at Washington, will also be instructed to protest personally against the policy being pursued by the American government.

It was also decided that the government send 30,000 troops to Cuba in September.

WEYLER AGAIN PROCLAIMS.  
Capt. Gen. Weyler has issued a proclamation ordering the farmers and peasants, during the next twenty days, to transport the towns in their vicinity all of the corn and other grain stored upon their farms.

This order applies to the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Havana and Matanzas. The military quarters are authorized by this order to purchase the grain at the current price and if the grain is not required by the government it will be stored for the account of its owners.

After the period of twenty days has elapsed, the proclamation declares, any grain found upon farms in the provinces mentioned will be regarded as contraband of war, and will be seized, and the owners thereof subjected to criminal proceedings.

REBEL LEADER SHOT.  
The rebel leader, Manuel Romero, was shot this morning at Cienfuegos.

It is said that Maximino Gomez, the commander-in-chief of the insurgents, has ordered a concentration of rebel forces on Saturday last, to be met by Jose Macero, Riba, Carillo, Serano and other leaders on the Campina ranch, near Juan de las Vegas. No exact figures are said to have been furnished about ten thousand men.

It is believed that they have started to march into the province of Havana, and that they have been joined by rebel forces on the way, the whole body now numbering over 20,000 men. It is expected that they will reach the vicinity of Havana at the end of the month, when hot fighting is likely to take place.

BALTIMORE LADY'S SUICIDE.  
Cut Her Throat Because Neuralgia Pains Were Intolerable.

Baltimore, May 15.—Mrs. Wilhelmina Krantz, aged sixty-nine years, committed suicide today at her home on North Howard street, using a case knife she had taken from her husband's pocket.

The woman, who had been taken long and all the leading blood vessels were severed.

The woman was a great sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism and acute neuralgia. Her agony was, she said, unbearable.

Japanese Studying Electrical Systems.  
San Francisco, May 15.—A special commission recently authorized by the Japanese government, to study into the workings of electrical power and telephone systems in this country.

The commission is composed of S. Mino, K. Natsumura and Y. Watanabe. They will be about two weeks in examining the telephone and electrical systems of San Francisco, Sacramento, Fresno and other cities, and will then proceed to Kyoto or Osaka.

Every Bone in His Body Broken.  
Quincy, Ill., May 15.—William Mansfield, eighteen years of age, his arms caught in a belt at the Electric Wheel yesterday. The wheel turned by the belt was making 250 revolutions a minute, and the lad was carried with it fully a minute before the arm was torn from the body, which then fell to the floor. At each revolution his body struck the ceiling, knocking a hole through it. He had been down two hours later, nearly every bone in his body being broken.

One Given the Seat.  
Mr. DeArmond called up the contested election case of J. Hampton Hope vs. Peter J. Ovey, from the Sixth Virginia district. The last week, there being about 160 in all on which he occupies, and it was agreed to.

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## Special Inducements for Saturday Shoppers.

Our new department of Children's ready-made dresses is a wonderful success. No wonder, when we offer a well-finished, stylish dress for less than you pay for material.

This Percale Dress, from 1 to 4 years, regular price 39c, special price **23c.**

For Children's Indigo-blue, Percale dresses, trimmed and lined, well worth 65c.

For Children's fine Gingham Dresses. Handsome variety of patterns. Actual value 75c.

For large-size Children's Percale Dresses, trimmed, with ruffle, and extra wide skirt. Sizes 8, 10 and 12 years. Would be considered cheap at \$1.

For French Gingham and Lawn Dresses. Sizes 8, 10 and 12 years. Cannot be duplicated for less than \$1.50. These garments must be seen to be appreciated.

Great Reductions in Skirt Prices.

Fine Brilliantine Skirts, wide, ruffle lined and velvet bound—regular \$1.29.

A few more of those \$2 Brilliantine Skirts, which we offer at 98c.

\$1.98 for a Fine Silk-finished Mohair Skirt, with a full sweep, worth \$4.

\$2.98 for Imported Creponne Skirts; actual value, \$5.

\$5.98 for Broad-laid Silk Skirts; worth \$7.49.

\$7.49 for the handsome Broad-laid Silk skirt, with 9 inches—a perfect beauty; regular price, \$12.

Skirts made to order without extra charge.

Cut Prices in Ladies' Waists.

This 50c Laundered Percale Waist, **39c.**

49c. for our fine Percale Waists, large Bishop sleeves.

89c. for handsome Grass Green Waists; worth \$1.50.

\$1.98 for those Elegant Silk Crepe Waists, which cannot be matched for \$3.

\$1.98 for \$3 Silk Waists; new designs.

\$2.98 for \$5 Silk Waists; latest patterns.

Look at our Summer Corsets, worth 59c, which we offer at 39c.

15c. for Ladies' Silk Mitts; worth 25c.

10c. for Ladies' Leather Belts; worth 20c.

10c. for Ladies' Black Silk Belts; worth 20c.

11c. for Ladies' regular made Hose; worth 20c.

6c. for Ladies' Black Hose; worth 10c.

6c. for Ladies' large Gingham Aprons; worth 15c.

4c. for Ladies' Ribbed Vests; worth 10c.

**FORTUNE IN GOLD DUST.**

Found in the Hut of a Solitary Miner in Mexico.

Durango, Mex., May 15.—About twenty years ago an American located here established a camp in the Sierra Madre Mountains, ninety miles south of here and engaged in gold mining.

A few days ago, prospectors stopped at the American's camp and found him lying heavily on the coast within a search of the premises was made and gold dust, which will aggregate in value \$75,000, found.

The only paper found was an old letter addressed to Frank N. Lennick, 25 West Fourth street, Cincinnati, Ohio. The writer was a woman, who signed the name of Olive Maroux. The letter was dated Wednesday, May 15, 1874.

SENT TO THE SENATE.

John Fowler of Massachusetts to Be Governor of the State of China.

The President today sent to the Senate the following nominations:

John Fowler of Massachusetts, to be consul of the United States at Chefoo, China.

Robert Lee Jenkins of North Carolina, to be consul of the United States at Patras, Greece.

Railroad Fund Dead.

Chicago, May 15.—H. C. Parker, traffic manager of the Lake Erie and Western Railroad, one of the best-known freight men in the West, was found in his room at the Dennison House, in Indianapolis, at 11 o'clock last night, from heart disease.

Patterson Given Ten Years.

Samuel Patterson, who was convicted of robbing a train in the killing of Lewis Dade, was sentenced to ten years at Alcatraz by Judge Cole in criminal court, No. 1, today. He was given the extreme sentence of the law.

Not Yet Identified.

New York, May 15.—No positive identification has yet been made of the Colman Hotel suicide.

## We Are Not So Blind

—to our own feelings as to believe that no one else is worthy of your patronage. Everlasting competition brings about most decided results—whets the appetite for greater efforts, and brings us into closer touch with new friends. Today we inaugurate

## ---A GRAND MID-MAY SALE--- OF FINE CLOTHING

which will outshine anything ever attempted before!!! The second consignment has just arrived from our recent purchase of cloths, from three of the leading woolen mills of the country. These beautiful fabrics have been made up into

## Superb Summer Clothing,

in light weights and mediums, and are the quintessence of style and comfort—made up in the highest art that the merchant tailor aspires to.

This magnificent stock of clothing surpasses anything ever offered here before, and our prices—for such grand qualities—will CONFOUND and PARALYZE ANY ATTEMPTED COMPETITION!!!

## ---AT LESS THAN HALF--- ORIGINAL PRICE.

**TWEEDS CASSIMERES WHIPCORDS COVERTS Summer Weights**

**Plain Goods Checked Goods Striped Goods Scotch Plaids**

**ALL STYLES ALL COLORS ALL SIZES TO FIT ALL PEOPLE**

## ---COMPARE THESE WONDERFUL PRICES--- With Any Ever Offered ANYWHERE!!!

Men's Suits. Regular price, \$7.50. For...	\$3.75	Men's Suits. Regular price, \$18.00. For...	\$9.00
Men's Suits. Regular price, \$8.00. For...	\$4.00	Men's Suits. Regular price, \$20.00. For...	\$10.00
Men's Suits. Regular price, \$9.00. For...	\$4.50	Men's Suits. Regular price, \$25.00. For...	\$12.50
Men's Suits. Regular price, \$10.00. For...	\$5.00	Boys' and Children's Suits—	
Men's Suits. Regular price, \$11.00. For...	\$5.50	Worth \$1.75. Now 87c	Worth \$2.00. Now 1.00
Men's Suits. Regular price, \$12.00. For...	\$6.00	Worth \$2.50. Now 1.25	Worth \$3.00. Now 1.50
Men's Suits. Regular price, \$13.00. For...	\$6.50	Worth \$3.50. Now 1.75	Worth \$4.00. Now 2.00
Men's Suits. Regular price, \$15.00. For...	\$7.50	Worth \$5.00. Now 2.50	Worth \$6.00. Now 3.00
Men's Suits. Regular price, \$16.00. For...	\$8.00	Worth \$7.00. Now 3.50	Worth \$8.00. Now 4.00
Men's Suits. Regular price, \$17.00. For...	\$8.50	Worth \$9.00. Now 4.50	Worth \$10.00. Now 5.00

Several thousand pairs of Pants will all go at one-half price.

## New York Clothing House, 311 7th St. N. W.

## THE DISTRICT IN CONGRESS

Purchase of the Corcoran Art Gallery Building Favored.

Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds Says It Could Be Used for Hall of Records.

In the Senate today Mr. Gear, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, presented a favorable report on the bill to purchase the Corcoran Art Gallery, at the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and